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## Learn About New Urbanism





## **Creating Enduring Neighborhoods**

A growing movement, New Urbanism recognizes walkable, humanscaled neighborhoods as the building blocks of sustainable communities and regions. The **Charter of the New Urbanism** articulates the movement's principles and defines the essential qualities of urban places from the scale of the region to the individual building.

# Making Urbanism Legal Again

Although compact, mixed-use urban form achieved s 1950, separate-use zoning codes and high-volume resubsequently helped to make sprawl (above right) to development option. New Urbanists are providing lea (and more tools) to reverse course and strengthen the livability, and diversity of their communities.







### Making Connections a Priority

Through grids of streets, transportation choices, and the siting of buildings along sidewalks, New Urbanism brings destinations within reach and allows for frequent encounters between citizens, in sharp contrast to sprawl (right). A key measure of connectivity is how accessible communities are to people with a range of physical abilities and financial resources.

## **Celebrating Shared Spaces**

New Urbanism makes shared space the organizing  $\varepsilon$  community. Architecture physically defines streets as use. Care for the public realm adds character, builds security, and helps residents feel proud of their comraquares, sidewalks, cafes, and porches provide rich: interaction and public life.



### Achieving Sustainability -- From Building to Region

By focusing development, New Urbanism promotes efficient use of infrastructure and preservation of habitats and farmland. With green building leaders, CNU is establishing new standards for green design at the neighborhood scale. Transportation plays a pivotal role in sustainability and truly efficient transportation – walking, bicycling, and transit use - is only possible where there is compact, urban form.



#### Reclaiming Urban Places Once Thought I

New Urbanism is repairing the damage done to our c environmental degradation, misguided infrastructure designs that isolated the poor. Through the federal H new urbanists have transformed deteriorating public livable mixed-income neighborhoods (left). And in nu CNU is helping to replace blighting freeways with r friendly boulevards.



#### Renewing a Ravaged Region

Since the historic October 2005 Mississippi Renewal Forum, CNU members have led planning efforts along the hurricane-battered Gulf Coast, including in New Orleans (left). Master plans, form-based codes, and transportation designs are helping citizens and their leaders forge collaborative visions, while Katrina Cottages (right) have emerged as a new model for affordable emergency housing of enduring quality.

For more information, follow the links from the text above, view CNU's powerpoint introduction to New Urbanism, or learn a winning exemplars of New Urbanism.

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